

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
INFORMATON SHEET**

**HB 96**

**AMENDMENT OF THE "MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD REENLISTMENT OR  
EXTENSION ACT OF 1981" (Sections 10-1-803 – 806, MCA)**

**INTENT**

Amend 10-1-803 through 806, MCA, of the Montana National Guard Reenlistment or Extension Act of 1981 (the "Act"). The amendments will clarify that the bonus, provided under the Act, is a discretionary incentive program which may be paid to qualified enlisted military members who are serving in the Montana National Guard. The amendments will also clarify that payment of the incentive bonus is subject to an annual determination by the Adjutant General that the incentive program is needed and that sufficient funds have been appropriated for that purpose.

The proposed legislation is needed in order to clarify the discretionary nature of the bonus program. It is also needed in order to ensure that the State retains the ability to encourage reenlistments and extensions, in the Montana National Guard, should other incentive funding sources decline or disappear in this era of shrinking defense budgets.

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